

### **REMARKS**

The paper copy of the Sequence Listing for the above-identified application is added, by this Preliminary Amendment, after the last page of the specification. The specification has been amended to include the identification of the SEQ ID NOS.

In addition, the specification has been amended to remove any reference to FIGS. 4B, 5A-5D and 6A-6B. FIGS. 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively, are the representative drawings for the above identified application. No new matter has been added. Entry is respectfully requested.

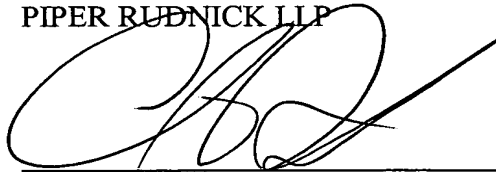
### **CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submits that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for examination. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

PIPER RUENICK LLP



---

Steven B. Kelber  
Registration No. 30,073  
Attorney of Record

1200 Nineteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036-2412  
Telephone No. (202) 861-3900  
Facsimile No. (202) 223-2085

Christopher W. Raimund  
Registration No. 47,258